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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was cautiously steady to weak beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to ample for the light to fair demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest warehouse delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current trade needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand light. Most buyers were uninterested in shell eggs outside of previous agreements. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-53	48-50
LARGE	44-52	46-49
MEDIUM	27-33	30-32

<b>IA-MN-WI</b> - Prices paid to producers.			
<b>LARGE</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>	
	27-34	29	
<b>MEDIUM</b>	10-14	12	
<b>SMALL</b>	3-5		

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the fair demand. Spent hens were adequate to fully adequate for a fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-65	54-58
LARGE	47-61	52-56
MEDIUM	27-40	32-34

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand was at times light to usually moderate in areas where feature activity was a factor. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand quiet. Most buyers were uninterested in shell eggs outside of previous agreements. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
LARGE	50.5-59	52-55
MEDIUM	30.5-39	32-35

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Weekly prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was barely steady to weak beginning the week. Demand was usually light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for the fair demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.5-72	53-56
LARGE	50-68	51-54
MEDIUM	29.5-41	30-34

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices entered the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	61-65
LARGE	59-63
MEDIUM	39-43

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices were sharply lower. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak. Retail and food service demand remained light to moderate with supplies fully adequate and most buyers watching current inventories.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-58	52-54
LARGE	49-57	50-53
MEDIUM	34-41	35-37

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices 10-11 cents lower on jumbo, 12 cents lower on extra large, 10 cents lower on large, and 7 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last Monday with California up 9% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 9%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 10 cents lower on jumbo, 12 cents lower on extra large, 10 cents lower on large, and 7 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 9% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good at the lower prices. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 46. Ads in Northern California (week of 8/4-10): major - extra large dozen 199, large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	101
EXTRA LARGE	91
LARGE	83
MEDIUM	66

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-347	JUMBO	279-369
EXTRA LARGE	219-309	EXTRA LARGE	219-329
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	199-329
MEDIUM	199-205	MEDIUM	189-269

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 20, 2004 will increase by 16 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 13, 2004 were 211,670 cases which was 12 percent above the prior week and 4 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	178,891	32,779	211,670

% change from the prior week.....	+14	-2	+12

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand quiet. Most buyers were uninterested in shell eggs outside of previous agreements. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	29-34	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-25	19-21
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13.75 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.5	10.49

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.75	10.32

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AUGUST 16, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.0	26.7	6.6	9.7	9.9	64.9
	Change	-0.7	5.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.9	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.2	70.2	16.9	21.3	39.2	170.8
	Change	3.2	10.3	5.4	-0.6	2.2	14%
Large	Curr Wk	45.2	134.6	68.7	95.2	103.0	446.7
	Change	0.3	3.0	0.5	-2.3	5.3	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	23.8	40.4	17.7	28.1	35.7	145.7
	Change	3.0	-3.5	0.1	-2.6	-0.7	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	8.2	6.0	2.9	10.1	11.4	38.6
	Change	0.3	0.9	0.0	1.1	3.2	17%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.4	30.1	10.9	15.7	4.8	66.9
	Change	-0.1	4.1	3.3	0.5	-1.3	11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.7	60.2	20.9	28.0	29.0	154.8
	Change	-4.7	6.6	0.3	-8.0	-1.1	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	134.5	368.2	144.6	208.1	233.0	1088.4
Percent	Change	1%	8%	7%	-6%	3%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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	1088.4	3%	171
Shell Egg			
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	286.9	0%	2003
30-dozen case	6,882		Aug 24
Total Shell Egg	1374.9	3%	206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 02, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.03	2.00	1.91	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 02, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.57	1.57	1.47	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 13, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
14.00								10.00								24.00							
SE			NE		MW			LOADS	SC			NW		SW			LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	31.00	—	—	33.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
GL W J	—	—	54.00	56.50	53.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	40.00	46.00	—	—	—	—	48.40	7.25							
GL W XL	—	—	43.00	45.00	39.00	—	12.00	GL W LG	37.50	—	—	—	—	—	43.43	1.75							
GL W LG	—	—	37.00	38.00	32.00	—	2.00	GL W MD	26.00	—	23.50	—	—	—	29.25	2.00							
NRBS - 48	30.00	31.00	—	—	—	—	3.00																

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/09/04-08/13/04

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
70.25								77.00								147.25							
SE				NE		MW		SC				NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	33.00	44.00		35.50	35.60	—	—	6.00	GNR W 1	—	42.00		—	—	—	—	2.00						
GNR BR 1	—	45.00		—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—		—	—	—	57.75	2.00						
GL W J	—	—		54.67	60.17	59.67	—	8.00	GL W XL	40.00	48.50		—	51.00	—	47.39	17.75						
GL W XL	42.00	46.00		47.93	48.12	37.79	42.30	56.50	GL W LG	37.50	48.67		—	50.00	—	44.76	14.50						
GL W LG	—	42.00		36.80	37.80	33.00	37.00	18.00	GL W MD	25.00	—		23.50	—	29.00	30.27	5.75						
GL W MD	26.00	—		24.54	26.16	23.25	25.69	19.50	GL BR J	—	—		—	—	—	64.50	.25						
GL W SM	26.63	28.13		25.00	28.00	—	—	3.00															
GL BR J	—	—		—	—	—	—	.25															
GL BR LG	—	—		—	—	42.00	44.00	.75															
NRBS - 48	30.57	31.00		32.00	33.00	29.00	34.20	34.50															
NRBS - 45	—	—		28.00	29.00	23.50	29.00	14.00															

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/09/04	08/02/04	08/11/03
PACIFIC COAST	153	163	91
LOS ANGELES	107	116	39

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	123 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	227 - 230
1/2 doz.	125 - 142	128 - 133

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is sharply lower on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair to fairly good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	69.63
LARGE	67.63
MEDIUM	47.63
SMALL	41.38

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